

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 5158

Dear Ms. Utrecht and Mr. Kleinfeld:

On November 29, 2000, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Gore/Lieberman, Inc. and Jose Villarreal, as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended and Chapter 95 of Title 26, <u>United States Code</u>.

On November 4, 2003, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided by your clients, that there is no reason to believe Gore/Lieberman, Inc. and Jose Villarreal, as treasurer violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended or Chapter 95 of Title 26, <u>United States Code</u>. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter as it pertains to Gore/Lieberman, Inc. and Jose Villarreal, as treasurer.

The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed, at which time you will be sent a copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Dutt, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton

General Counsel

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for Enforcement